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OFFICERS IN THE MADRAS FIRE SERVICE.

198. Question - SRI. R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:- Will the Hon'ble the Prime Minister be pleased to state:-

(a) the number of European and Indian Officers in the Madras Fire Service;

(b) whether all officers, Indian or European, hold the same rank and draw the same emoluments;

(c) whether any qualifications are prescribed for the officers and if so, whether all the present incumbents possess these qualifications;

(d) what the special qualifications of the present Director of Fire Service are;

(e) what steps, if any, are being taken to train Indian officers; and

(f) whether initial recruitment is by the Public Service Commission as in the case of other services?

THE HON'BLE DR. T.S.S. RAJAN:- "(a) Eight European Officers and ten Indian Officers.

"(b) No.

"(c) No qualifications as such have been prescribed. It is proposed to issue statutory service rules for all the posts in the service shortly, wherein specific qualifications will be prescribed.

"(d)(1) Officers training course, Woodford and Wanstead Fire Brigade, London.

(2) Patrol Officer, Woodford and Wanstead Fire Brigade, until formation of N.F.S.

(3) Company Officer, N.F.S., until joining duty in Madras.

(4) Passed Officers' qualifying course, N.F.S. London, 1941.

(5) Experience in London during the Blitz and in India since 1942 as Divisional Officer, Chief Fire Inspector and D.F.S.

"(e) A Provincial Fire Service training school is established in the Madras City. Candidates for appointment to the executive posts in the Madras Fire Service are trained there.

"f) No. All the previous appointments were made during war time. The last six appointments to the rank of District Officers (Gazetted) were made with the concurrence of the Madras Public Service Commission".

SRI. R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:- "With reference to answer (b) that Indian and European officers do not have the same rank and the same emoluments, may I know why this distinction is maintained?

THE HON'BLE DR. T.S.S. RAJAN:- "Recruitment was made during war time and these European Officers were imported from England at the time of a crisis; so we had to pay the price; therefore there is difference in status and emoluments".

SRI. R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:- "May I know, Sir, whether they are on contract or on permanent service".

THE HON'BLE DR. T.S.S. RAJAN:- "They are on contract, Sir for four years.

SRI. R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:- May I know, Sir, whether the appointments of District Fire Officers recently made were advertised in papers?

THE HON'BLE DR. T.S.S. RAJAN:- I am not aware of the

details, Sir".

SRI. R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:- "May I know, how many of those appointmented are trained in fire service and how many are untrained?"

THE HON'BLE DR. T.S.S. RAJAN:- "They are all untrained and they are now being trained in the Training School".

SRI. R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:- May I give the information to the Hon'ble Minister that both trained and untrained candidates applied for these posts. May I know whether the Government satisfied themselves why untrained candidates should be appointed when trained candidates were available?"

THE HON'BLE DR. T.S.S. RAJAN:- I do not know whether there were trained candidates in sufficient numbers?

SRI. R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:- Will the Hon'ble Minister look into this matter Sir?

THE HON'BLE DR. T.S.S. RAJAN:- "Yes, Sir".

PUBLIC (FIRE SERVICES) DEPARTMENT.

Please see the extract from proceedings of the Legislative Council at page 7 c.f. With reference to the supplementary questions and answers at 'A' in it, submitted that the position was as follows:-

The vacancies were not advertised in newspapers. The Director of Fire Services has since been instructed to do this in future. The six District Officers noted in the margin* were appointed in the last batch. The first five were appointed in December 1946 while the sixth was appointed in January 1947. The last named (Mr. A.P. Jesudasan) has since left the department in order to take up his appointment as Assistant Commandant of the Madras Special Police. Of the six officers, Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 6 were trained candidates having already been

1. Sri. T. Gopalakrishna Rao.	
2. Mr. John Koshi.	<i>Mohajir</i>
3. Md. Abdus Salam	<i>Mohajir</i>
4. Sri. K.P. Balakrishna Menon.	
5. Mr. S.A. Rasheed.	
6. Sri. A.P. Jasudasan.	

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trained in the Fire Services' Provincial Training School. No. 1, Sri. T. Gopalakrishna Rao was the only untrained candidate. No. 5 Mr. S.A. Rasheed underwent the course of training once previously but did not come up to the standard expected of him and was not therefore successful. These two officers were ~~were~~ given the necessary training after their appointment as District Officers and they came out successful. No other trained candidates who secured the requisite number of marks in the examination conducted in the Provincial Training School applied for appointment to the rank of District Officers. The Hon'ble Premier has since ordered that Messrs. John Koshi, Abdus Salam *Mohajir* and K.P. Balakrishna Menon who were already trained candidates should be treated as seniors to Sri. T. Gopalakrishna Rao.

In view of the above, no further action seems called for in this file. The papers may be recorded in a Miscellaneous Government Order for facility of future reference after perusal of this note by Hon'ble Premier.

A.R.
18.7.1948.

"The Retrenchment and Reorganization Committee's recommendation that the Madras Fire Services should be amalgamated into the Police Department is now under the active consideration of the Government. The issue of statutory rules for this service has therefore been deferred.

No further action is necessary in this file and the papers may be recorded as suggested at page 3 n.f."

S. Venkateswaran,
27.7.1948.

Hon'ble Premier. O.P.R.
22.8.

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